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SUBJ: DEPARTURE NGS ARCHEOLOGIST MARSHACK

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1. PROFESSOR ALEXANDER MARSHACK DEPARTED LENINGRAD MARCH 12 TO RETURN TO U.S. MARSHACK VERY PLEASED WITH RESEARCH RESULTS AND ACADEMY AND INSTITUTE SUPPORT, AND ATTRIBUTED HIS DECISION TO RETURN BEFORE COMPLETING HIS RESEARCH SOLELY TO CONTINUING HEALTH PROBLEMS AND EXHAUSTION OF HIS "PSYCHIC ENERGY". LENINGRAD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REP. A.N. NADIROV, REPORTEDLY HAS ASSURED HIM THAT ACADEMY PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE HIS RETURN FOR FIVE OR SIX WEEK PERIOD IN JUNE OR JULY 1977 TO COMPLETE HIS RESEARCH. ACADEMY RECENTLY HAD EXTENDED MARSHACK'S STAY SIX WEEKS BEYOND ORIGINAL MARCH 3 EXPIRATION DATE TO MAKE UP FOR SIX WEEKS LOST WHEN HE BEDRIDDEN WITH FLU AND PNEUMONIA IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

2. MARSHACK CONSIDERS HIS ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ON ICE AGE ARTIFACTS TO HAVE BEEN MAJOR SUCCESS. HE INDICATED THAT SOVIET UNION POSSESSES UPPER PALEOLITHIC ARTIFACTS, EXISTENCE OF WHICH WILL BE ARCHEOLOGICAL REVELATION  
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OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE. HE INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT POTENTIAL PROBLEM HAS ARISEN WITH PUBLICATION OF HIS FINDINGS SINCE SOME SOVIET SCIENTISTS ARE HESITANT TO LET HIM PUBLISH INFORMATION IN WEST WHICH HAS LONG BEEN AT THEIR DISPOSAL BUT HAS NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED BY SOVIETS THEMSELVES. QUESTION OF ULTIMATE PUBLICATION, THEREFORE, COULD BE DELICATE

FUTURE ISSUE WHICH MAY NEED TO BE RESOLVED AT HIGHEST  
LEVEL IN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AFTER COMPLETION OF  
MARSHACK'S RESEARCH NEXT SUMMER.

3. MARSHACK HAD NOTHING BUT HIGHEST PRAISE FOR  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MOSCOW HISTORICAL MUSEUM,  
LENINGRAD ETHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM, AND LENINGRAD  
ANTHROPOLOGY INSTITUTE, ALL OF WHICH HE SAYS HAVE MADE  
EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS MAKE HIS STAY AS PLEASANT AND  
PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE EXPRESSING STRONG HOPE THAT HE  
COULD RETURN TO LENINGRAD THIS SUMMER, MARSHACK  
INDICATED THAT THIS DEPENDS ON FUNDING AND OTHER  
ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS, AND NOT YET SURE THING.  
HE SEEMED, HOWEVER, ANXIOUS COMPLETE  
RESEARCH AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE.  
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